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SUBJECT: SCENESETTER FOR FBI DIRECTOR MUELLER

Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Matthew Tueller for reasons 1.4
(b) and (d).

11. (SBU) The Egyptians and I warmly welcome you to Cairo. Our partnership in law enforcement and security cooperation remains solid. Your vis
enforcement and counter-terrorism issues. We have also requested meetings with Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Director of Egyptian Genera

Internal Politics and Economics

12. (SBU) We continue to promote democratic reform in Egypt, including the expansion of political freedom and pluralism, and respect for human
seats -- as independents -- in Egypt's 454-seat parliament. Economic reform is ongoing although Egypt still suffers from widespread poverty aff
in risky financial products, but the effects of the global economic crisis on Egypt are beginning to be felt. As the global credit crunch wors

Police Brutality and Human Rights Abuses

13. (C) Egypt's police and domestic security services continue to be dogged by persistent, credible allegations of abuse of detainees. Police
courts increased independence to adjudicate some police brutality cases. We are working with the Egyptians through an ongoing \$1,000,000 commu

14. (S) The Interior Ministry uses SSIS to monitor and sometimes infiltrate the political opposition and civil society. SSIS suppresses politi

Strong CT Relationship

15. (SBU) We maintain close cooperation on a broad range of counter-terrorism and law enforcement issues, including an annual meeting of the U

16. (SBU) Egypt suffered major domestic terror attacks in 2005 (a simultaneous triple bombing in Sharm El Sheikh, which killed 88 and wounded

17. (C) The Egyptian government's active opposition to Islamist terrorism and effective intelligence and security services makes Egypt an unatt
arms and explosives into Gaza, and a transit point for GazanPalestinians. Palestinian officials from Hamas have also carried large amounts of
of some Sinai Bedouin may possibly be linked in part to these
smuggling networks and Egyptian efforts to dismantle them.

18. (C) Many of the Egyptian government's far-reaching powers in the realm of counter-terrorism come from a draconian Emergency Law, which has
that the new law will not simply be the Emergency Law under another name, but rather, will be modeled on the U.S. Patriot Act and other intern
threat of terrorism in Egypt. We hope you will stress the USG's interest in the new Anti-Terror Law, and the challenge of ensuring the protect